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Speaker Chris Sprowls Says Highway Designations are Tributes to Sacrifice and Bravery of Fallen Tampa Bay Officers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (June 18, 2021) — Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, said the road designations for three officers who lost their lives in the line of duty are “a tribute to the memory of true heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect innocent lives.”

“Deputy Magli, Sergeant LaVigne, and Officer Madsen’s final acts were to save lives in the communities they loved. While no law can replace nor any honorific soothe the loss of life in the hearts of those who loved them, I hope that the naming of these roads may provide comfort to their families that the memory of these heroes will live on long after their time on earth,” said Speaker Sprowls. “I want to thank Sheriff Gualtieri, Senator Hooper, Chairman Latvala and our Members in the House and Senate for their efforts to ensure the sacrifice of these brave men are always remembered.”

Transportation Facility Designations Honoring Fallen Officers, sponsored by Representative Chris Latvala and Senator Ed Hooper was signed by Governor Ron DeSantis today. The bill directs the Florida Department of Transportation to designate a portion of County Road 611/East Lake Road between Forelock Road and Keystone Road in Pinellas County as “Deputy Michael J. Magli Memorial Road.” It also directs the Department to designate a portion of State Road 60 between I-75 and Philip Lee Boulevard in Hillsborough County as “Sergeant Brian LaVigne Road” and a portion of I-275 between E. Sligh Avenue and E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard as “Officer Jesse Madsen Memorial Highway.”

Deputy Magli was tragically hit by a drunk driver while laying “stop sticks” on the road to prevent the driver from going further and endangering lives.

Officer Jesse Madsen was killed when he purposely drove his patrol car into the car of a wrong-way driver in an attempt to stop him from colliding with other vehicles.

Sergeant Brian LaVigne was fatally killed while responding to a disturbance call when a suspect rammed his patrol car with his own vehicle while fleeing a scene.

The legislation is effective on July 1, 2021.

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